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1 March 1965

MEMORANDUM FOR: Chairman, Board of National Estimates
Chairman, Watch Committee
Director, National Indications Center

SUBJECT: Request for Indication of Gaps in
Information on Vietnamese Situation

1. The attached memorandum from the DCI charges the CCPC with: (a) reviewing of all capability for the collection of information on the possible large scale intervention in South Vietnam by the military forces of North Vietnam acting alone or in conjunction with the Chinese Communists, and (b) making recommendations for the improvement of our capabilities to provide maximum necessary (my interpretation) intelligence coverage of this situation.

2. The Committee's review of collection capabilities is underway; however, in order to appraise the needs for augmentation or readjustment of these capabilities, it is necessary that we have an indication of those elements of intelligence information which are not now being provided to you who are responsible for furnishing warning or estimative intelligence on this subject to the decision level of national authority. It is requested that the above addressees furnish as soon as possible to the Chairman, CCPC, an assessment of the gaps in information now being provided which are critical to the fulfillment of assigned responsibilities on this subject.


Chairman, CCPC

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chairman, Critical Collection Problems Committee

SUBJECT: Review of Resources for Intelligence Coverage of Indications of Possible Intervention in South Vietnam by Communist Forces.

1. I believe that urgent attention should be given to the problem of possible large-scale intervention in South Vietnam by the military forces of North Vietnam acting alone or in conjunction with the Chinese Communists. Accordingly, I am requesting the Critical Collection Problems Committee (CCPC) of USIB to review all capabilities for the collection of information relevant to this subject.

2. Will you please take appropriate action to see that this problem is given immediate consideration by your Committee and that the potentialities of all systems and resources for the concerted acquisition of intelligence relating to indications of a possible intervention in South Vietnam by the Communist Armed Forces are carefully examined and appraised. I shall expect your Committee to make appropriate recommendations for the improvement of our capabilities to provide maximum intelligence coverage of this situation.

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